

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, The North American Indian Women's Association, Inc. (NAIWA), is a nonprofit membership, educational, and service organization established in 1970 for the purpose of promoting among North American Indian people, the betterment of home, family life and community; health and education; inter-tribal communication, and awareness of Indian culture; and,

Whereas, The NAIWA preamble states, "We, North American Indian Women, with quiet dignity and pride, inherent with our heritage, unite with the determination to promote, through unity of purpose, the general well-being of Indian People;" and,

Whereas, Native women from across the nation and Canada will assemble to "Honor the Spirit of Native Women," which is the theme for the 34th Annual National Conference to be hosted this year by the Flandreau Indian School at Flandreau, South Dakota; and,

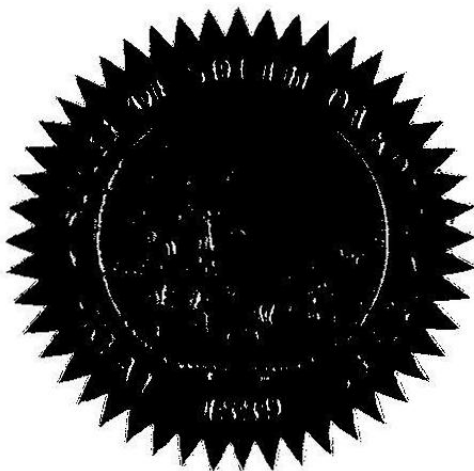
Whereas, The conference will be held on June 13-16, 2004, with welcome addresses by Leonard Ellers, Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe, Flandreau Mayor, Warren Ludeman, and Marcella LeBeau and Iyonne Garreau, both founding members of the NAIWA and members of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for the Governor to welcome you and share the pride that South Dakotans have in the Native American heritage within the state:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 13-16, 2004, as

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in South Dakota, and I call upon the citizens of this state to join me in recognizing the accomplishments of Native Americans in the development and character of our state and nation.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fourth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.



M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:



Chris Nelson, Secretary of State